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CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing a Continuation patent application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b).

1. This application is a Continuation Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53 of pending prior application No. 09/925,619 filed on August 10, 2001 of:

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For: **Methods for Sterilizing Biological Materials Using Dipeptide Stabilizers**

Prior Application: 09/925,619

Examiner: Monzer R. Chorbaji

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2. The papers enclosed are as follows:

A new continuation application:

47 Pages of specification including

39 Pages of description

07 Pages of claims

01 Page of abstract

31 Sheets of Drawings (Figures 1A to 14)

3. Oath or Declaration: A copy of an oath or declaration from a prior application is enclosed under 37 C.F.R. 1.63(d). The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference herein.
4. Relate Back (35 U.S.C. 120): Please see the attached Preliminary Amendment.
5. Assignment: The prior application is assigned of record to Clearant Inc. at Reel/Frame 012452/0990 on January 11, 2002.
6. Small Entity Status was claimed in the prior nonprovisional application and is still proper and desired.

7. **Extension of Time in Parent Application No. 09/925,619:** For the purposes of maintaining copendency between prior application **09/925,619** and this continuation application, Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time extending the period for response from February 7, 2006 to April 7, 2006, the fee for which is **\$225.00** as set out in 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a) for a small entity. If Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for an additional extension of time, please consider this a Petition therefore.
8. **Amendments:** Prior to calculation of the application filing fee, please see the attached Preliminary Amendment cancelling claims 1 to 73 without prejudice or disclaimer and adding new claims 74 to 109.
9. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. 1.16):

APPLICATION FILING FEES FOR FEE CALCULATION				
Basic Application Filing Fee				\$300.00
Application Size Fee				\$00.00
Search Fee				\$500.00
Examination Fee				\$200.00
Sub-total =				\$1,000.00
CLAIMS FOR FEE CALCULATION				
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Total Claims	70 - 20	50	\$50.00 each =	\$2,500.00
Independent Claims	3 - 3	0	\$200.00 each =	\$00.00
Multiple dependent claims			\$360.00	\$360.00
Sub-total =				\$3,860.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity				-\$1,930.00
Total Filing Fee =				\$1,930.00

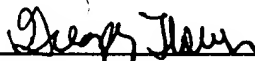
10. **Fee Payment:** The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **\$2,155.00** to Deposit Account No. 50-0310 for payment of the two-month extension of time fee in prior application **09/925,619** (\$225.00), the basic application filing fee (\$150.00), the application search fee (\$250.00), the application examination fee (\$100.00), the additional total claims fee (\$1,250.00), and the first presentation of a multiple dependent claim fee (\$180.00), all fees at the small entity rate.
11. **Additional Papers Filed:**
(i) Preliminary Amendment
(ii) Copy of Declaration
(iii) Copy of Notice of Acceptance of Power of Attorney
(iv) Submission of Replacement Drawings
(v) 31 Sheets of Replacement Drawings (Figures 1A to 14)
12. Please address all correspondence to Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP at Customer No. 009629.

13. **Except** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be an **constructive petition for extension of time** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)(3).

Please accord this new U.S. Continuation Application a serial number and filing date.

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